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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

March 2012

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SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

February 27th was Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Advocacy Day in Lincoln. Events included highlights of 2012 legislation of interest to the Nebraska Library Community from Ken Winston, NLA Lobbyist:

Nebraska Library Commission deficit appropriations request. The hearing on the Commission's deficit request was held on January 31st before the Appropriations Committee. The Commission is seeking two deficiency appropriations:

1. Digital talking book supplies.
2. Restoring State Aid to Libraries.

The Commission is asking for \$19,600 to provide special flash memory cartridges to respond to the change to a digital format for talking books for blind and visually handicapped individuals. The Commission is also asking that \$88,138 be restored to State Aid to Libraries in order to meet federal requirements for maintenance of effort under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). If the State doesn't meet the maintenance of effort requirements, the Commission may lose federal LSTA funds in the next fiscal year. Tell your senator to support restoring State Aid to Library Funds in order to prevent loss of these federal funds.

LB 86, introduced by Senator Christensen, would eliminate the **legislative reference library**. Knowledge and information should be important pre-requisites for good legislation. NLA opposes. Heard last March 3rd by Exec Board. In committee.

LB 470, introduced by Senator Karpisek. Requires **public library personnel policies to be approved** by the governing bodies of cities, counties and villages within their respective communities. NLA sent a letter of support at the hearing, but is presently neutral on the bill. NLA continues to support the right of library boards with governing authority to exercise such authority. On Final Reading.

LB 582, introduced by Senator Haar. **The Student Expression Act** would establish a state policy for student expression in public schools. NLA supports. Heard last March 8th by Education Committee. In committee.

During the briefing, we heard from NLC Commissioners Steve Batty (McCook), Sherry Crow (Kearney), and John Dale (Lincoln). Each of them

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What's your library's plan for National Library Week? Kicking back with a good book and a nice cup of tea? You *wish* you had that kind of time at work? This year, find a little time for yourselves on April 13th and celebrate Southeast Library System's first annual...

READ IN



Contact SELS for more information and ideas on how to celebrate the Read In at your library.

**CHALLENGING LIBRARY STEREOTYPES
ONE PAGE TURN AT A TIME**

Save the Date!

NLA/NEMA Pre-Conference

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012

La Vista, Nebraska

(location to be announced)

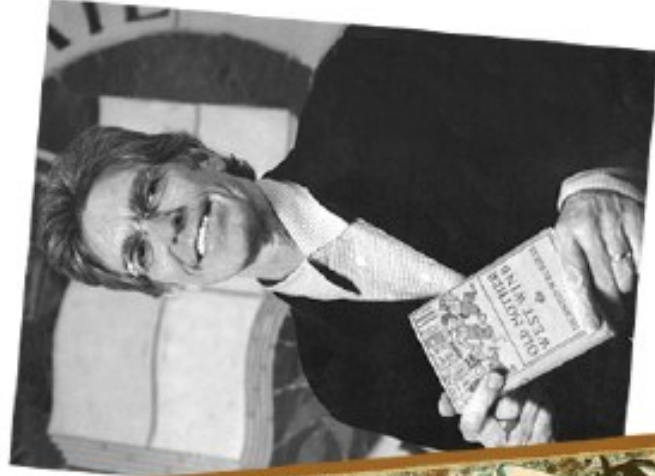
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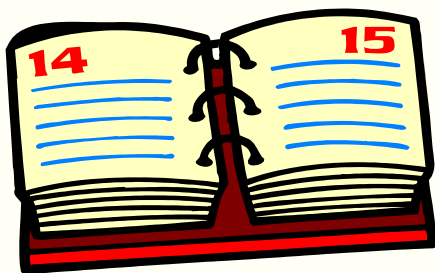


and the
Nebraska Regional
Library Systems

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst





CALENDAR

March 2012

March 9th – NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12:00. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov.

March 10th – Michelle Alexander author of *The New Jim Crow* – workshop at Creighton University, and also appearing as keynote for ACLU Nebraska Annual Dinner at Tip Top Ball Room in Omaha.

March 13th - 17th – Public Library Association (PLA) Conference 2012 in Philadelphia: <http://placonference.org>.

March 15th & 16th – Virtual PLA at Seward Memorial Library – no cost, multiple programs – see page 10 for more info.

March 16th – Freedom of Information Day – an annual event coordinated with the birthday of James Madison, who is widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and a foremost advocate for openness in government, to promote public access to government information and the public's right to know.

March 19th – 30th – Basic Skills – Leadership. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

March 23rd – CASTL meeting at Crete Public Library. Come learn about Mango – an online language learning program with resources for ELL patrons and English speakers wishing to learn a foreign language. For this month's book talk read – *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

March 27th – Change in Location – Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries Meeting at Central Office in Lincoln – Conference Room C.

March 29th – NLA Paraprofessional Spring Meeting – Online. For more information go to: <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/Comp.old/para/2012springmeeting/2012Paraspgconfwebsite.html>, or contact Janet Greser (402) 471-2010 or janet.greser@nebraska.gov.

April 2nd – April 13th – Basic Skills – Library Policy. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

April 8th – 14th – National Library Week - www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek.

April 9th – PLTS Spring Meeting in Columbus – Programs planned include: Weeding tips & tricks, Using the DHHS Website to best serve your customers, and Quick & Easy Strategic Plans. Also get an update on updated Nebraska Public Library Accreditation Guidelines.

April 12th – PLTS Spring Meeting in Hastings

April 13th – SELS Read In, see page 2 or contact the SELS office for ideas.

April 13th – TSRT & ITART Spring Meeting at Bellevue University – digital repositories, RDA, Metadata and the user's digital library. Also hear from four presenters speak on PCs and deepfreeze, the Nebraska RDA Practice Group, Pinterest, Autodialers and content curation in the lightning round session. <http://>

nebraskalibraries.org/TSRT/conferences/spring-meeting.

April 14th – Young Adult Round Table Spring Meeting in Gothenburg

April 15th – Syracuse Public Library Grand Opening from 2 to 4 p.m.

April 20th – SELS Board Meeting in Plattsmouth

April 26th – **CHANGE OF DATE & LOCATION** – CASTL meeting at James Arthur Vineyard. We'll be talking about a couple of great resources from ALA – Libraries & Internet Toolkit: www.ifmanual.org/toolkit and The Small but Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library: www.ala.org/offices/olos/toolkits/rural. For our book talks, select something from the ALA Reference & User Services Association's (RUSA) Reading List for 2012 – which includes 8 different genres – so there should be something in that list for everyone. You can find it on the RUSA Blog at: <http://rusa.ala.org/blog/2012/01/22/2012-readinglist/>. Also on the agenda will be the round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

April 30th – May 11th – Basic Skills – Programming and Outreach. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

May 11th – NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12:00. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov.

May 14th – 25th – Basic Skills – Reference. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

May 17th – SELS Training Extravaganza at Union College

May 18th – C&U/S&I Spring Meeting at Grace University in Omaha

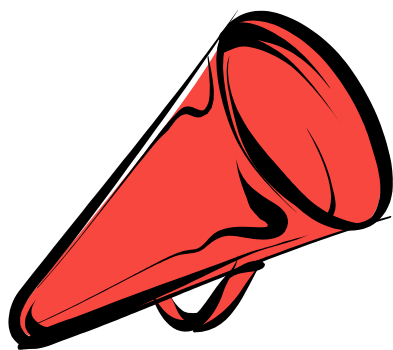
June 1st – CASTL Meeting in Seward – Golden Sower

June 4th – 15th – Basic Skills – Management and Supervision. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html.

June 14th – SELS Annual Meeting

June 21st-26th ALA in Anaheim

Save the Date for the SELS Extravaganza!



May 17th @ Union College in Lincoln, NE

Join us for twelve sessions on topics including: How to Put a Book Talk Together, Cloud computing, Sales Tax & Raffles, Book Reviews, eReaders, Public Speaking, Customer Service, Online Meetings, Surveys & Polls, What's New with Google, Prezi and Animoto & YouTube.

The day will begin at 8:30 AM with a tour of the Union College library and morning refreshments. The first sessions begin at 9:30, and the last sessions of the day will wrap up by 3:15 PM. Additional details and registration information will be coming soon. Please plan to join us!

Aged to Perfection 2012

A fundraiser for the SELS Friends



Join the Southeast Library System Friends

on Thursday, April 26, 2012
at the James Arthur Vineyards

Social Hour

5:00 - 6:00

Antique Check-in at 5:45

Dinner

6:00 - 6:30

Informational/Appraisal Program by Tom Bassett

6:30 - 7:30

A mini-auction of donated "treasures" will follow the program.
Please consider donating items for this auction even if you are unable to attend. There will be a prize awarded for the most unusual donated item. You need not be present to win.



Your \$20 registration fee includes dinner and the appraisal of two antiques if you are a current SELS Friends member. If you are not currently a member, the fee includes dinner and one antique appraisal. Wine tasting and purchasing either by the glass or the bottle is an option during the event. Other beverages are also for sale.

If you have never been a member of SELS Friends, join now and your membership will extend through June 2013 and your wine tasting at Aged to Perfection 2012 will be free. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit www.selsfriends.org.

Dinner Menu

Chicken Salad Croissant

Red Potato Salad

Spinach Artichoke dip with chips

Killer brownies

Pecan bars

Fruit tray

Cheese and crackers

Water and Iced tea



For directions and more information about James Arthur Vineyard, check out their web site: www.jamesarthurvineyards.com



To register, please fill out and return this form by April 20, 2012:

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

☐ I would like a vegetarian meal

Please include \$20 for each person registering and mail to:

Southeast Library System Friends
233 South 5th Street
Seward, NE 68434

Admission will be \$15 at the door and no dinner will be included.

Call for Board Nominations



The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of people representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Five board members will be

elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2012. Nominees may be librarians, trustees, or library users.

Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to the board.

Who Can Be On the Board, and What is Involved in Board Membership?

Nominations are received from 15 counties in the Southeast Library System geographic area: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Saline, Nemaha, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee, and Richardson. Board members should be representative of a) public libraries, b) school libraries and media centers, c) academic libraries, d) special and institutional libraries, or e) users and trustees of such libraries.

The Board governs the Southeast Library System. It is similar to a public library board of trustees or the board of any non-profit organization. Member responsibilities include approval of policies, plans and budget, and selection and evaluation of the System Administrator.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for two consecutive terms. The Board usually meets six times a year, at times and places chosen by the members. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. Board members must have access to e-mail.

Who Currently Serves on the Board?

President: Barbara Hegr, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City

Vice-President: Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln Public Schools—Retired

Secretary/Treasurer: Carolyn Bennett, Beatrice Public Library

Becky Baker, Seward Memorial Library

Ruth Carlock, Levitt Library Learning Center, York College

Scott Childers, Love Library, UNL

Karen Frank, Greenwood Public Library

Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library

Kent Munster, The Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln

Carol Oltman, Beatrice High School

Hilary Sire, Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager

Robin Sugden, Freeman Public Schools, Adams

Jan Thomsen, Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora

Mail or email your nomination by May 2, 2012 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505
jlarnason@windstream.net

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Circle one: Librarian Trustee Library User

What special characteristics qualify this person for Board membership?

I have contacted this person and s/he has agreed to accept nomination to the Board (*circle one*): Yes No

Nomination submitted by: _____



AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

It has been a while since you've heard from us, but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy! We have several events coming up in the near future – we hope to see you soon!

The **November 2011 Book Fair** at the South Pointe Barnes & Noble store made just over \$400 in sales and donations. Thanks to everyone who helped make that possible!

A **scholarship was awarded to Darla Reinwald** to assist in her attendance at the Nebraska State Reading Association Conference in Kearney this year. Congratulations Darla! The next scholarship window will open in July.

A **private showing of *The Hunger Games*** is scheduled at Edgewood Theater in Lincoln

on Saturday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m. Reserve your seat today by emailing info@selsfriends and save some money!

Also, the **2012 Aged to Perfection** is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 at James Arthur Vineyard. The event features antique appraisals by the very entertaining Tom Bassett, a mini-auction of unique items, great refreshments, and more. If you would like to donate something for the auction, the SELS Friends will award a prize for the most unusual item given, so put on your thinking caps! See <http://selsfriends.org/aged12.pdf> for all the details and register to join your peers for a very relaxing evening!

Private Movie Showing

HUNGER GAMES

Where: Edgewood Theater, Lincoln, NE

When: Saturday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.
(doors open at 9:00)

Who: SELS Friends & guests

Reserve your seat by Wed., March 21 and SAVE!

Reservations: \$8.00 for SELS Friends members
\$10.00 for Non-members

Price after March 21: \$12.00 for everyone

All admissions will be paid for at the door.

To reserve a seat in advance, email info@selsfriends.org

Visit www.selsfriends.org for information about the SELS Friends.



NebrasKard and the SELS Plan at CASTL

By Brenda Ealey

The February CASTL group was hosted by Heather Koenke, director of the Auburn Memorial Library for our February 9th meeting.

We took time to share the SELS Plan with those attending to get a sense of the priorities of service that have been outlined by the SELS Board of Directors and Staff. You can find the plan on the SELS website: www.selsne.org. We welcome your review, comments and questions, whether directed to SELS staff or the SELS Board. We make a point to review the plan annually and the SELS Committees work at helping implement the goals and actions outlined.

We also reviewed the NebrasKard Program, a statewide reciprocal borrowing arrangement with other libraries, or as I often refer to it – walk-up interlibrary loan. The underlying intent is to permit registered borrowers in good standing to borrow materials from multiple libraries, in addition to the borrower's home library. The page lists the following purposes and benefits of the program:

- Encourages Nebraska libraries to participate in reciprocal borrowing arrangements for the benefit of libraries and library users.
- Provides additional value for local and state tax dollars.
- Takes library resource sharing beyond Interlibrary Loan and permits direct borrowing by users from participating libraries.



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- March 23rd—Crete Public Library
- **April 26th—James Arthur Vineyard - Raymond**
- June 1st—Seward Memorial Library

- Demonstrates collaborative effort among Nebraska libraries for benefit of library users.
- Supports literacy and reading.
- Demonstrates the value of Nebraska libraries.
- Increases public awareness of libraries.
- Addresses the service needs and interests of a mobile society.
- Makes greater use of library resources.
- Supports distance education programs.
- Provides reimbursement for lost materials.

You can find information on NebrasKard on the Nebraska Library Commission's website: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/nebraskard> which includes the NebrasKard Participating Library Agreement and list of the 68 libraries currently participating, as well as the NebrasKard Customer Registration Form & Agreement, and the NebrasKard Materials Order Form. I'll highlight some of the specifics we discussed during CASTL below:

- Participation in the NebrasKard program is voluntary and open to public and academic libraries. Public libraries must be accredited.
- NebrasKard borrowers are subject to the rules and policies of the lending library.
- NebrasKard borrowers are responsible for returning materials to the library from which the materials were borrowed.
- NebrasKard borrowers sign a waiver allowing borrowing information to be shared with other participating libraries.
- NebrasKard participating libraries may request compensation for losses of library items resulting from participation in the program.
- NebrasKard is for Nebraska residents only. A library cannot issue a NebrasKard to an out-of-state person.

CASTL Wrap Up

{News Around the System}



Virtual PLA at Seward Memorial Library

From Becky Baker, Seward Memorial Library



Thanks to a grant from the Nebraska Library Commission, you are invited to attend a group showing of the 2012 PLA Virtual Conference on March 15 and/or March 16 **absolutely free!** The

agenda for both days can be found at <http://placonference.org/virtualconference>.

Topics include: engaging teens on a shoestring budget, social media marketing, Q&A with Nancy Pearl, author interviews, iPads in the library, transforming libraries into change

agents for the networked society, the virtual library, combating negativity in the workplace, tracking early literacy skills, and the future of libraries.

Lunch will be on your own, though everyone might combine forces for pizza or something similar. Morning refreshments will be available, so let Becky Baker know by email at becky.baker@sewardlibrary.org or phone (402-643-3318) by March 14.

The topics sound great and the price is right! Whether you need the CE hours (for you, your staff, your Board) or not, watching these presentations as a group and being able to discuss them with peers is always enlightening.

Syracuse Public Library Grand Opening

From Sue Antes, Director, Syracuse Public Library

Syracuse Public Library has scheduled the Grand Opening for their new library on April 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Please stop by and join in the celebration!



Workshop Opportunities at Sump Memorial Library

From Robin Clark, Sump Memorial Library

Pat Wagner with Pattern Research, Inc., out of Denver, CO, is offering six, one-hour webinars at Sump Memorial Library for small, rural, and/or financially challenged institutions. Topics include:

- Supervision 101: How To Manage Employee Performance without Micromanaging
- Supervision 102: How to Deal with Employee Problems without the Drama
- Workplace Relations 101: Stop Whining, and Become More Influential
- Marketing 101: The Secrets to Making Promotions Work

- Everyday Leadership 101: How to Improve your Workplace and Career
- Conflict Management 101: Three Steps to Resolve Most Personal Conflicts

The workshops will be held March 23rd, 30th and April 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 11:00 a.m. Registration is first come, first served. There will be a \$10.00 cost per person for those outside of Sump with a limit of 20 attendees for each session.

All six topics in this special program are meant to be foundation classes for participants who are either new to the material or who would like a reminder.

Please contact Robin Clark at robin.r.clark@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

News Around the System

Fairmont Public Library Open House

From Wanda Marget. Fairmont Public Library

The Fairmont Public Library received three new computers, a printer, a scanner, and a projector through the Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities project. The computers are installed and ready for use by the public. The computers can be used free of charge to access court records, find health information, take advantage of educational opportunities, hunt for jobs, explore small business options, etc. The computers and furnishings are valued at \$9,015.80.

Join the Library Board and Staff and our partner the Nebraska Library Commission, in celebrating the launch of our Public Computer Center. **Our Open House will be held on Saturday April 14th, 2012 at 10 am.** We hope everyone in our community will come and check out our library's public computer center.

This project was supported in part by the Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), funded by the

Library Broadband Builds NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES

BILL & MELINDA
GATES foundation

Nebraska
Library Commission

BROADBANDUSA
CONNECTING AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

"The broadband technology grant presents an unprecedented opportunity for many Nebraska public libraries to upgrade their public computing capacity for serving community residents," said Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission Director. "Technology enhancements will result in measurable increases in use of library computers for E-Government, learning, employment information, and more. The ultimate benefit goes to the many Nebraskans who will have greater access to library computers and high-speed connectivity networks for personal, education, and job-related needs."

Book Sale at Concordia University

From Philip Hendrickson, Concordia University

Link Library's spring book sale will be Friday, March 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Most books cost a dollar or less, with religion, history, science, art, fiction, education, videos, and much more! For

more information call 402-643-7254. Concordia is at 800 N. Columbia in Seward. Link Library is at the north end of the crescent driveway. Also for sale are two nice 60-drawer card catalog cabinets for \$400 each. Email phendrickson@cune.edu for photo.

Support Technology at Lincoln City Libraries with *Wine and E*

From Mary-Jo Ryan

On March 29th from 6:00-9:00 PM, you're invited for a special evening with the Friends of LCL at the Lincoln Country Club. Enjoy "App-E Hour" where you'll learn how to download apps, books, and navigate your phones, computers, and e-devices with

help from library staff. There will be artisan pizza, and a silent auction of intriguing experiences and unique treasures.

Cost is \$40 per person (\$15 tax deductible), or \$35 for members of the Friends of LCL. Join the wine tasting for \$20. Visit www.foundationforlcl.org or call 402-441-0164 or 402-429-5849, or for more information.



Tri-County School Library Volunteer Honored at Advocacy Day

From Kim McCain, Tri-County Schools

I would like to share my story about a special library volunteer, Krystal Hicok who has been an integral part of my library program for the past five years. Krystal's love of reading started her interest in the school library when she was in eighth grade. During study hall instead of studying, Krystal would help put labels on books that I was processing. The next year, Krystal would stop in and see if I needed any help. I would put her to work on sorting and delivering over dues. As a sophomore, Krystal could finally be a student aide and she quickly became my right-hand person. She has learned about the different aspects of the library from shelving books to creating attractive displays. Krystal not only worked in the media center during her assigned time, but she also would "pop in" before or after school and lunch to see if she could help me.

As a junior, Krystal felt we needed to promote reading more in school. After brainstorming together, we came up with the idea of the Biblio Café where students eat lunch in the media center once a month while discussing books they are reading. Krystal has taken on the monthly responsibilities of publicizing the Café and planning activities. It has grown over the past two years and we have 25-30 participants each month.

Krystal did not stop at just the Biblio Café. Krystal



R-L: Gerry Powers, Karla Stansberry, Krystal Hicok, Kim McCain, and Betty Meyer at the Advocacy Day Luncheon.

also serves as a student coach for our Reading Classics Team. She helps with practices, organizes the study notebooks, gathers current events, and encourages the team to read. She helped lead them to be the state runner-ups last year. She also has volunteered in the summers to help prepare the media center for school. Krystal helped me decorate the media center, as well as helped process books and magazines. Over this Christmas break, Krystal also spent a day helping me clean out my back room. She filled 17 boxes with outdated materials! A job I would not have gotten to for a long time.

I often wonder what I will do next year after Krystal has graduated. She has helped make the Tri County Media Center a fun place for students to be! I have encouraged her to keep the library profession an option for her future. Krystal is majoring in English so she is headed in the right direction!

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provided insight in advocating for libraries – and I'm certain aided attendees in conversations held with senators throughout the day.

In addition, Advocacy Day has become an opportunity to recognize library volunteers for the champion efforts they put forth for their local libraries.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

- **Helen Leonhardt** – Volunteer at Bethany Branch Library in Lincoln
- **Friends of the Omaha Public Library**
- **Rebecca Maddox-Spady** – Volunteer at Hastings Public Library
- **Shirley Sides** – Friends' Volunteer at Dakota City Library

- **Krystal Hicok** – Student Volunteer at Tri-County Schools in DeWitt
- **Marjory Gloe** – Talking Book & Braille Service Volunteer at Nebraska Library Commission
- **Nathan Wilson** – Volunteer at Sump Memorial Library in Papillion

A highlight of the luncheon this year was a talk by Kendra Caskey, the library director of the Goodall City Library in Ogallala. Kendra did a fabulous job of portraying the value of libraries, modeled after Jamie LaRue's BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) talk. Kendra shared stories of success in serving Ogallala library customers and the relevance of the library for Nebraskans, the most worthy investment for state support. She closed with the Walter Cronkite quote on the final page of this issue of SoLiS which perfectly summed up the need to support libraries. **Bravo!**

NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARIES... *growing & evolving.*

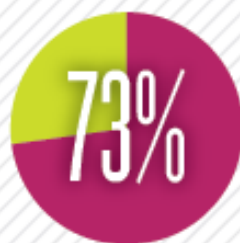
Fiscal year 2010

Out of 270 public libraries

Offer free internet access.



Offer wireless internet access.



Connect to customers through social media networks like Twitter, Facebook, and blogs.



Provide loans of ebooks and digital audiobooks.



Served

8,870,666
customers

Loaned

13,821,850
items

Provided

24,438
programs

Attended by

615,227
people

Have

1,005,124
registered borrowers

(4.2% INCREASE OVER 2009)

Provided

1,936
Public access computers

(5% MORE THAN 2009; AVERAGE INCREASE: 7.2 COMPUTERS PER LIBRARY)

Have nearly

7,600,000

items in their collections



Nebraska
Library Commission

Source: Annual Nebraska Public Library Statistical Survey 2009-2010 collected by the Nebraska Library Commission. Data is based on reports from 82% of Nebraska Public Libraries.

For more information see
www.nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/

News and Notes



ALA Offers “The Small but Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library”

ALA’s office for Literacy and Outreach Services is offering a revised edition of *The Small But Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library* as either a print or digital copy. It features marketing and promotion tips, strategies for promoting library services, and tips for using technology in advocacy efforts. To find out more go to: <http://ala.org/offices/olos/toolkits/rural>

Save the Date for the Paraprofessional Spring Meeting

The 2012 Paraprofessional Spring Meeting, “Show Off @ Your Library” will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2012, from 10:00 to 1:00, central, with the Paraprofessional Section’s annual General Meeting afterward.

Participants can “attend” via internet connection at their own desks. Gather with colleagues or watch on your own. Group viewings will be held in Lincoln at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N St) and Papillion at the Sump Memorial Library (222 N Jefferson St, Papillion, NE 68046); other get-togethers can be arranged upon request.

Check-in/Log-in is from 9:30-10 a.m. The Paraprofessionals Spring General Meeting will begin 1:00-1:45 p.m.

There are 3 scheduled sessions with Amy Mather, Susan Franklin and the duo, Linda Trout and Cynthia Vana presenting on topics including outreach, library displays, and libraries on Facebook.

Discover new tips and learn skills to Show Off @ Your Library, network with other library staff, and earn CE credits (3 hours for the day), without leaving your office.

For more information and a registration form, see <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/Comp.old/para/2012springmeeting/2012Paraspgconfwebsite.html> Or contact Jennifer Sorensen, Spring Meeting Chair, at sorensen0802@gmail.com, by mail at Bellevue University Library, 1000 Galvin Rd S., Bellevue, NE 68005 or by phone (402) 557-7304.

Registration deadline is March 27, 2012.

NEMA Scholarships

Time is marching on and the deadline for NEMA Scholarship applications is marching ever so near! Applications must be in by March 15th, so get yours in the mail soon.

You must be a member of NEMA. If this is the case and you would like some funding for additional training and education check out these scholarships now. Remember, the deadline for application submission is March 15!

An application for the NEMA Continuing Education Scholarship of \$800 can be found at <http://www.schoollibrariesrock.org/scholarshipscs.html>

An application for the Karla Wendelin Continuing Education Scholarship of \$300 can be found at <http://www.schoollibrariesrock.org/scholarshipskw.html>

For more information contact Deanna Reilly of the NEMA Scholarship Committee at dmreilly@schools.archomaha.org.

Nebraska Snapshot Day

The Nebraska Library Association is gearing up for **Nebraska Snapshot Day 2012: A Day in the Life of Nebraska Libraries**. You can participate in this

advocacy event any day during the week of April 15-21, 2012.

Snapshot Day is an opportunity for you to take a look at all that your library accomplishes in a single day. We encourage you to collect usage statistics, photos, videos and stories from your library from one day you choose to be your “Snapshot Day.” This will be great information to share with your library board, school administration, municipal officials and the news media. Additionally, the Nebraska Library Association will compile all the information sent in and will publish statewide data that can be used to advocate for libraries all across Nebraska.

All Nebraska libraries are invited to participate! Public, school, academic, tribal and special libraries are all invited to take a “Snapshot” of what their library does in one day. The more libraries that participate, the more complete our “Snapshot” will be!

Check out the website for details on how to participate: <http://snapshotnebraska.wordpress.com/how-to-participate/>

Nebraska Snapshot Day 2012 is a project of the [Nebraska Library Association](#). If you have any questions, please contact Robin Clark, Chair of the Legislative/Advocacy Committee, at robin.r.clark@gmail.com or Jessica Chamberlain, PLTS Vice-Chair, at 800-578-1014 or jchamberlain.nels@gmail.com.

Library Discounts

Liu & DB Enterprises, Inc. has been added to the Library Commission’s Discounts on Books & Supplies page, <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/discounts/discount.aspx>.

Liu & DB Enterprises, Inc. are a Nebraska family-owned company out of La Vista that distributes CD/DVD media packaging wholesale. For information visit the Library Commission’s discounts page.

Academic Freedom Video Contest

• Intellectual freedom in education	ideas in school
• Freedom of belief & expression in class	• Freedom of expression in school newspapers
• Freedom to access information and	• Freedom of expression in school theatre productions

SELS Board of Directors Meeting
December 16, 2011
Fairmont Public Library
10:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Ruth Carlock (York College – Levitt Library); Scott Childers (UNL Libraries); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners); Carol Oltman (Beatrice High School); Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library – Aurora); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office – retired).

Also Present: Jen Barnason (SELS Administrative Assistant); Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator).

Board Members Absent: Carolyn Bennett (Beatrice Public Library); Hilary Sire (Barnes & Noble).

News around the system: Members shared what is happening in their worlds.

Consent Agenda

October 26, 2011 Minutes

Barbara asked for any corrections to minutes? None

Financial Report

Barbara asked for any corrections to financial report? None

Becky Baker moved to pass consent items. Robin Sugden seconded. Motion passed.

SELS PLAN 2011-012

- **Administrator's Report**

Highlights from the Administrator's report include:

- Training and Consulting
 - The Jo Budler colloquium of November 9
 - How moving the Summer Reading workshop earlier in the calendar year worked
 - The CE Committee's meeting lead to ideas for Training Extravaganza and partnering with ITART
 - Apollo support meeting at Eisley on December 15. The vendor representative called in and made some suggestions.
- Promotion/Advocacy
 - Helped host author Neal Shusterman as part of 2010/11 One Book for Nebraska Teens at Blair Middle School and Ralston High School
 - Brenda is back on NLA Board as ALA Councilor
 - The RVLS Administrators met on November 30 and discussions included a Presentation by Dawn Holtmeier with the Nebraska Dept. of Revenue on Sales Tax.
 - Wrote letter of support for Plattsmouth public library
- Management of SELS Resources
 - NLC has changed CE grants eligibility criteria – System administrators are no longer eligible for those grants. The

Regional Systems has distributed \$300 to each system to help with costs of PLA. Still may not be enough to get Brenda there this year.

- E-rate discounts are available for cell phone use, so some discussion was had on getting a SELS cellphone and Brenda could reimburse for personal use. Brenda will explore this option.
- **SELS Friends' Report**
 - Written Report Submitted
- **Computer/Laptop**
 - Would like to get something hooked up while she's not in the office. Some discussion about pros and cons about laptop vs desktop occurred.
- **Office Remodel**
 - New neighbors are moving in the space being used to temporarily store materials during the remodel, so the project needs to finish up, probably by Jan 1.

Nebraska Library Commission Report

No report submitted

Committee Meetings

The board split into their committees to conduct business

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Childers

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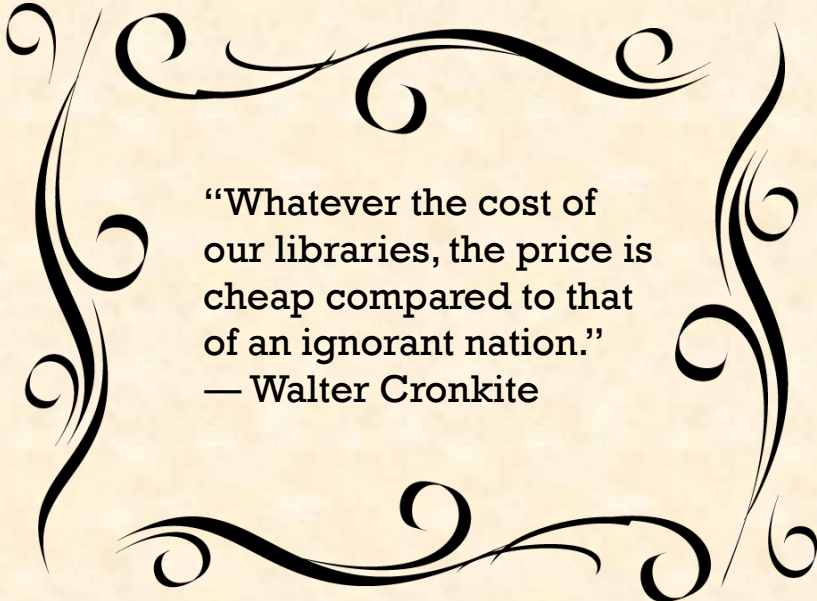
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“Whatever the cost of
our libraries, the price is
cheap compared to that
of an ignorant nation.”
— Walter Cronkite

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: www.selsne.org.) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.